

A Story Of

Truxton King By George Barr McCutcheon

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(Continued From Yesterday, CHAPTER VII.

AT THE WITCH'S HUT.

meantime our excellent young friend, Truxton King, was having a sorry time of it. It all began when he went to the cathedral in the hope of seeing the charming aunt of the little prince once more. Not only did he attend one service, but all of them, having been assured that the royal family worshiped there quite as regularly and as religiously as the lowilest communicant. She did not

More than all this, he met with fresh disappointment when he ambled down to the armorer's shop. The doors were locked and there was no sign of life about the buttered place.

The next day King made a purely business call at the shop of Mr. Spantz.

rings and necklaces, and then depart- John Tullis, and it is not with a deed without having seen the interesting At his room in the hotel he found a

note addressed to himself. It did not have much to say, but it meant a great deal. There was no signature, and the handwriting was that of a woman. "Please do not come again." That was

He laughed with a fine tone of defince and went back to the shop at so timid as a note could stop him. On the occasion of this last visit to the shop he did not stay long, but went away somewhat dazed to find himself the possessor of a ring he did not want and out of pocket just \$30, American. Having come to the conclusion that knight errantry of that kind was not only profligate, but distinctly irritating to his sense of humor, he looked up Mr. Hobbs and arranged for a day's ride in the mountains

Mr. Hobbs led his patron into the mountain roads early the next morning, both well mounted and provided with luncheon

It is a good three hours' ride to the summit of Monastery mountain. And after the height has been attained one does not care to linger long among the chilly, whistling crags, with their snow crevasses and bitter winds. The utter loneliness, the aloofness of this frost crowned crest appells, disheartens one who loves the fair, green things

It was 3 o'clock when they clattered down a stone road and up to the forbidding vale in which lurked, like an the glen. Mr. Hobbs listened with evil, guilty thing, the log built home of the witch of Ganlook gap, that an- sation which resulted in Truxton King cient female who made no secret of her practices in witchcraft.

A low thatched roof protruded from the hill against which the hut was ladies and gentlemen of the party by built. As a matter of fact, a thin John Tuliis, who gracefully announced chimney grew out of the earth itself, that he knew King's parents in New for all the world like a smoking tree York. Baron Dangloss was quite an

SYNOPSIS OF FIRST CHAPTER. | stump. The single door was so low | old friend, if one were to judge by the Trunton King, an American million-sire's son, tired of the hundrum life and sets out to have some adventures. that one was obliged to stoop to enter manner in which he greeted the young the little room where the dame had man. The lady in gray smiled so He reaches the kingdom of Granstark, been holding forth for threescore sweetly and nodded so blithely that years, 'twas said. This was her throne room, her dining room, her bedchamber, her all, it would seem, unless one | Marlanx and others, merely said: had been there before and knew that her kitchen was beyond, in the side of the hill. The one window, sans prettily. glass, looked narrowly out upon an

odd opening in the foliage below, giving the occupant of the hut an unobstructed view of the winding road that led up from Edelweiss.

The two horsemen rode into the glen and came plump upon a small detachment of the royal guard, mounted and rather resolute in their lack of ami-

"Soldiers, I'd say," remarked Mr. King. His eyes brightened and his hat came off with a switch. "Hello! There's the prince!"

Farther up the gien-in fact at the very door of the witch's hut-were gathered a small but rather distin-He looked long, with a somewhat guished portion of the royal household. It was not difficult to recognize the shifty eye, at the cabinet of ancient little prince. He was standing beside sire to speak ill of his valor that we add he was clutching the slackest part of that gentieman's riding breeks with an earnestness that betraved extreme trepidation. Facing them, on the stone doorstep, was the witch herself. Behind Tullis and the prince were several ladies and gentlemen.

Truxton King's heart swelled suddenly. Next to the tall figure of Colonel Quinnox of the royal guard was 5 o'clock, just to prove that nothing | the silm, entrancing lady of his most recent dreams, the prince's aunt, the lady of the goldfish conspiracy!

The Countess Marlanx, tall and exquisite, was a little apart from the others, with Baron Dangloss and young Count Vos Engo, whom Truxton was ready to hate because he was a recognized suitor for the hand of the slim young person in gray. He was for riding boldly up to this little group, but a very objectionble lieutenant barred the way, supported in no small measure by the agitated defection of

The way was made easy by the intervention of the alert young woman in gray. She caught sight of the restricted adventurers-or one of them, to be quite accurate-and, after speeding a swift smile of astonishment, turned quickly to Prince Bobby.

The prince broke the ice. "Hello!" he cried shrilly. "Hello!" responded the gentleman

readily. John Tullis found himself being dragged away from the witch's door toward the newcomer at the bottom of deepening awe to the friendly convergoing forward to join the party in

front of the hut. Truxton was duly presented to the

Tullis, instead of presenting King to her as he had done to the Countess

"And you know one another, of Whereupon she flushed very

Truxton King, scarcely able to believe his good fortune, crowded into the loathsome, squalld room with his aristocratic companions.

Never had Truxton looked upon a creature who so thoroughly vindicated the lifelong reliance he had put in the description of witches given by the fairy tale tellers of his earliest youth. She had the traditional book nose and peaked chin, the glittering eyes, the thousand wrinkles and the toothless gums. He looked about for the raven and the cat, but if she had them they



"GREWSOME LADY, ISN'T SHE?" WHIS-PERED KING

were not in evidence. At a rough guess he calculated her age at 100 "Grewsome lady, isn't she?" whis-

pered King. "I shall dream of her for months," whispered the lady in gray, shudder-

"Would you mind telling me how I am to address you?" whispered King. They were leaning against the mud plastered wall near the little window side by side. "You see, I'm a stranger in a strange land."

"You must not speak while she is gazing into the crystal," she warned after a quick, searching glance at his

Although it was broad daylight, the low, stuffy room would have been pitch dark had it not been for the flickering candles on the table beside the bent gray head of the mumbling fortune teller, whose bony fingers twitched over and about her crystal globe like wiggling serpents' tails.

The Man and the Boat



Alexander S. Cochran of New York and his yacht, the Westward, which won all the races in which she was started at Warnemuld, Germany, defeating the kniser's Meteor and other fast racing schooners-yachts. On June 26, at Kiel. Mr. Cochran's schooner won the Inbilee prize on a stiff breeze. The Meteor coming in second. On July 1, the Westward won the Emperor's Cup in a rainstorm over a 77-mile course. On July 3 in a soft breeze the Westward came in first after leading by a good margin all the way. Mr. Cochran inherited \$25,000,000 from his uncle, Warren B. Smith, the carpet manufacturer, and \$15,000,000 from his father.

The window gave little or no light, | is the matter? What has happened?" and the door was closed, her grinning grandson leaning against it limply.

The witch began by reading the fortune of John Tullis, who had been pushed forward by the wide eyed prince. In a cackling monotone she rambled through a supposititious history of his past, for the chief part

so unintelligible that even he could not gainsay the statements. Later she bent her piercing eyes upon the prince and refused to read his future, shrilly asserting that she had not the courage to tell what might befall the little ruler, all the while muttering something about the two little princes who had died in a tower ages and ages ago. Seeing that the boy was frightened. Tullis withdrew him to the background. The Countess Marlanx came next. She was smiling derisively.

"You have returned from some one whom you hate," began the witch. "He is your husband. You will marry agnin. There is a fair haired man in love with you. You are in love with him. I can see trouble"-

But the countess deliberately turned away from the table, her cheeks flaming with the consciousness that a smile had swept the circle behind her grace-

"Ridiculous!" she said and avoided John Tullis' gaze. "I don't care to hear any more. Come, baron! You are

Truxton King, subdued and troubled in his mind, found himself studying his surroundings and the people who went so far to make them interesting. His eve had fallen upon a crack in the door that led to the kitchen, although he had no means of knowing that it was a kitchen. To his amazement, a gleaming eye was looking out upon the room from beyond this narrow crack. He looked long and found that he was not mistaken. There was an eye glued close to the opposite side of the rickety door, and its gaze was directed to the

Countess Marianx. Without pausing to consider the result of his action, he sprang across the room, shouting as he did so that there was a man behind the door. Grasping the latch, he threw the door wide open, the others in the room looking at him as if he were suddenly crazed.

There was instant commotion, with cries and exclamations from all. Quick as the others were, the old woman was at his side before them, snarling with rage. Her talonlike fingers sunk into his arm, and her gaze went darting about the room in a most convincing way.

Baron Dangloss was convinced that the young man had seen the eye. Without compunction he began a search of the room, the old woman looking on with a grin of giee.

"Search! Search!" she croaked. "It was the spirit eye! It is looking at von now, my fine baron! It finds you, yet cannot be found. No, no! Oh, you fools! Get out! Get out! All of you! Prince or no prince, I fear you not, nor all your armies. This is my home, my castle! Go! Go!"

"There was a man here, old woman," said the baron coolly. "Where is the

She laughed aloud, a horrid sound. The prince clutched Tullis by the leg "There is no window, no trapdoor,

no skylight," remarked the baron, puz-

zled. "Nothing but the stovepipe. six

inches in diameter. A man couldn't crawl out through that, I'm sure. Mr. King, we've come upon a real mystery-the eye without a visible body." Suddenly the old woman stepped into the middle of the room and began to wave her hands in a mysterious man-

ner over an empty pot that stood on the floor in front of the stove. Then before their startled eyes a thin film of smoke began to rise from the empty pot. It grew in volume until the room was quite dense with it. Even more

quickly than it began it disappeared, drawn apparently by some supernatural agency into the draft of the stove and out through the rickety chimney

A deafening crash as of many guns came to their ears from the outside. With one accord the entire party rushed to the outer door, a wild laugh from the hag pursuing them. "There?" she screamed. "There goes

all there was of him! And so shall we all go some day. Fire and smoke!" Just outside the door stood Lieutenant Saffo of the guard.

"Good Lord," shouted Tullis. "What | the west,

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coming down the valley like the wind." A great crash of thunder burst overhead, and lightning darted through the black, swirling skies.

> CHAPTER VIII. LOOKING FOR AN EYE.

"The storm, sir," said Saffo. "It is

HE witch was haranguing her huddled audience, cursing the soldiers, laughing gleefully in the faces of her stately, scornful guests, greatly to the irritation of Baron Dangloss, toward whom she showed an especial attention,

Tullis was holding the prince in his arms. Colonel Quinnox stood before them, keeping the babbling, leering beldame from thrusting her face close to that of the terrified boy. The Countess Marlanx, pale and rigid, her wondrous eyes glowing with excitement, stood behind John Tullis.

With incredible swiftness the storm passed. Almost at its height there came a cessation of the roaring tempest, the downpour was checked, the thunder died away and the lightning trickled off into faint flashes. The sky cleared as if by magic. The exhibition, if you please, was over!

"It is the most amazing thing I've ever seen," Dangloss said over and

The Countess Marianx was trembling violently. Tullis, observing this, tried to laugh away her nervousness. "Mere coincidence; that's all," he

about this storm?" "It isn't that," she said in a low

voice. "I feel as if a grave personal danger had just passed me by. Not danger for the rest of you, but for me alone. That is the sensation I havethe feeling of one who has stepped back from the brink of an abyss just in time to avoid being pushed over. I can't make you understand. See! I am trem!"

(To Be Continued.)

FORMER EL PASOAN WHO BACKED COOK

John R. Bradley, the millionaire sporting man, famous as the backer of Cook's north pole expedition, who recently became the central figure of litigation between Alan R. Hawiey the Rita Store company, has returned from amateur balloonist, and his brother. against their sister, Jennie M. Hawley



Levee. Bradley is accused by the brothyoung husband, Louis Levee, to defraud them of their property rights in the beautiful hawley homestead in New Capaan, Conn. Bradley used to be an El Paso gambier.

BANKRUPTCY TRUSTEE SELECTED. At a meeting of the creditors of the bankrupt estate of A. L. Michaelson, in the office of referee Charles Loomis, Monday morning, Robert Holliday was elected trustee to arrange for the disposal of the stock of goods.

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SILVER CITY ELKS HOSTS TO TEACHERS

Convicts Build Road to Mogollon—Fruit Prospects Good.

Silver City, N. M., July 11.—The can-uet tendered by the Elks to the visiting tea hers at the summer normal school was attended by over 300 dancers, including the friends of the faculty and teachers. A banquet was also served.

At a meeting of the Democratic central committee here, primaries were called for the various presents on July called for the various precincts on July 23 and July 30 was named as the date of the convention to nominate four delegates for the constitutional convention. Each precinct is entitled to one delegate for each 15 votes or fraction of five or over, cast for the Democratic nominee for delegate to congress at the last gen-eral election. The county convention will be composed of about 90 delegates. Convicts Work on Road.

Commissioners Dickinson and Ownby have been in the vicinity of Cliff, where there is some dispute as to the location of the road from this city to Mogollon, which is being built by convict labor. It understood an amicable adjustment said. "You can't believe she brought was reached and that it will not be nexessary for the county to condemn and of the land for right of way. The convicts after completing the road out of this city for a distance of 15 miles moved camp to near Bush's ranch, a short distance this side of Mogollon, and are now building the road from that end to connect with the portion already built. The new road will not be ovened for travel until it is packed and becomes This is one of the large road projects of the territory

Fruit Crops Good. P. M. Shelly, a wealthy rancher on the Gila river near Cliff, reports the largest fruit crop for many years. The crops are also in splendid condition, and

if the rains come soon the farmers will have exceedingly large yields.

W. C. Belden, the Cliff merchant, has returned from El Paso, where he has been purchasing goods for the Cliff Mer-

cantile company.

L. H. Bartlett, manager of the Santa El Paso, after some days spent there

in purchasing store supplies.

El Paso School Attracts Pupils.

Miss Ora W. L. Slater, one of the principals of the El Paso school for girls, has been here in the interest of the school. This school will undoubtedly have a number of students the coming have a number of students the cominyear from this city. John C. Cureton, of the Cureton Cuttle company, who spends the greater portion of his time in Los Angeles, has

cone to the company's ranches near Gold Hill, this county, where he will spend the next few weeks. Silver City now has a colony of over 30 people in Los Angeles and nearby

FASTER AEROPLANES MOVE THE SAFER THEY PROVE.

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Mrs. Bert Loomis is visiting he parents at Cleburne, Texas.



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